Amendments in the Constitution

†209. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the words secular and socialist had been included in the Constitution during the period of emergency;

(b) whether the fundamental rights were suspended at that time; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to reivew the justification of these words continuing in the present scenario?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation and infrastructure development of courts

210. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for modernization and infrastructural development of lower courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans, Plan-wise;

(b) whether the allocated funds are sufficient to meet the requirement; and

(c) if so, whether Governement are actively considering to enhance the amount; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) An outlay of Rs. 700 crore was approved for Department of Justice for the Tenth Five Year Plan. The component-wise allocation is given below:

		(Rs. in crore)
(i)	Computerisation of High Courts and city courts	64.40
(ii)	Development of infrastructure facilities for judiciary	530.00
(iii)	Construction of High Courts	100.00
(iv)	National Judicial Academy	5.60

Allocation for Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise as the allocation for Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been finalized.

Appointment of Judges in High Courts

211. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the total number of judges appointed in High Courts during the last three years High Court Bench-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): A Statement is given below:

Statement

Number of judges appointed in High Courts

Sl.No.	High Court	Number of vacancies filled during the year			
		2004	2005	2006	2007 (till 6.8.2007)
1.	Allahabad	16	17	10	--
2.	Andhra Pradesh	--	5	6	--
3.	Bombay	5	5	8	1
4.	Calcutta	5	--	16	--
5.	Chhattisgarh	3	2	--	--
6.	Delhi	5	2	12	2
7.	Gauhati	6	--	6	1
8.	Gujarat	7	3	--	--
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1	2	3	3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	3	--	--
11.	Jharkhand	1	--	4	--
12.	Karnataka	2	4	4	5
13.	Kerala	8	2	--	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7	12	3	2
15.	Madras	--	17	7	4
16.	Orissa	5	--	1	1
17.	Patna	4	4	13	2
18.	Punjab & Haryana	8	--	13	2
19.	Rajasthan	6	8	3	7
20.	Sikkim	1	--	--	--
21.	Uttarakhand	4	--	1	--
	TOTAL:	95	86	110	35

High Court bench at Thiruvananthapuram

212. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) Proposal for setting up of a Bench of the High Court is considered on receipt of a complete proposal from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court. Though the Government of Kerala has requested for setting up a Bench of the Kerala High Court at Thiruvananthapuram, it has not sent a complete proposal in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court.